

Representative **Murrell Smith** proposes the following amendment:

General Proviso - GP

New:

117.aps. (GP: Adult Protective Services Coordination Teams) In order to best coordinate services for the South Carolina vulnerable adult population, the Adult Protective Services Program at the Department of Social Services shall develop county level multi-agency inter-disciplinary Adult Protective Services Coordination Teams. These teams must develop and implement strategies to ensure appropriate services are available and provided to vulnerable adults during the investigation and adjudication of the report of alleged abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults.

The following agencies are required to participate and/or designate a local entity to serve on the Adult Protective Services Coordination Teams to address abuse and neglect and to prevent or delay institutionalization: Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Department of Mental Health and with advice and resources from the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging. Participating agencies may expend necessary funds as authorized and/or appropriated in the current fiscal year, to develop the APS Coordination Teams. The Teams must give priority for services for assessment of mental and physical conditions, eligibility for services, home and community based services waivers, home health, hospice, targeted case management, Optional State Supplementation & OSCAP, service coordination, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), behavioral health programs such as community mental health programs, inpatients psychiatric services, nursing facility care, and other home and community based services such as home-delivered meals and transportation.

The Department of Social Services shall submit a report on the progress of the implementation and any necessary funding requests to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by January 1, 2018.